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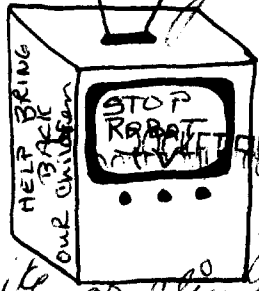
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GET THE VIOLENCE OFF TV!!!

Help the FCC improve television programming for your children.

Please improve Make your voice heard: your program
for families. Bring up your standards
Bring back wholesome shows. Be a
part of the movement to keep child-
ren — CHILDREN for the few years
that they are young. Be an advocate
for our youth like PBS.
You might even suggest
removal of the TV +
go read a book, ride there
bike or climb a tree. We TAKE you! Rebecca Lewis



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Dear Sirs:

Today I heard part of a speech on NPR from the National Press Club concerning children's television programming. Though I did not hear the entire speech, I wanted to let you know that I feel strongly that commercial television has let down our nation's children.

As a parent, I try to police what my children are watching, but that's not always possible. We generally have our television set tuned to public television, and I have found that *Big Bird* and the rest of the *Sesame Street* crowd, as well as *Shining Time Station*, *Reading Rainbow* and other programs serve to enlighten, entertain and educate my son, who is 4 years old.

Commercial television, on the other hand, tends to lead him to hit and be mean in other ways; he emulates the *Power Rangers*, particularly, and other violent programs.

I know that parents are responsible for how their children behave, and for what they watch on television. I am certainly not an advocate of censorship,

I feel that our commercial television stations can do a better job with the programs they air. I particularly remember the *Schoolhouse Rock* segments that aired in the 1970s. They were good programming, they were educational, and I still can remember a good many of them. And they didn't make me want to hit my sister, either!

I don't have any solutions for the problems you are facing, but I wanted you to know that I feel there is too much filth and violence on the air, especially during the times when children are watching. Let's let the networks know that this is not acceptable!

Thank you,

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Dear Mr. Hundt,

I am writing in response to your comments about violence and children's television, included in your speech to the National Press Club, carried on CSPAN recently.

In general, I agree that producers of children's programming, mostly the big three networks, need to be forced to reduce the level of violent content in their programming, not just in the case of children's TV, but across the board. I am in favor of returning to the sort of restrictions that were in effect when I grew up in the 50's and 60's.

However, I worry that allowing for the present corporate culture which prevails in the media, a regulatory climate imposed by the government could have a heavy political bias. For example, we might find that the power to regulate is misused to promote "multiculturalism", or to push affirmative action, despite the clear evidence that a large part of the American public does not agree with such policies.

Since I am not sure that those who would be doing the deciding as to what should be seen could keep their own political biases out of the process, I would be more in favor of a technological solution, such as the so-called "V-chip". Thus, given the chance to preview the content of the TV schedule, I could preprogram my television to lock out certain violent or politically unsuitable programming, which should be left to the parents discretion.

I enjoyed your comments. I hope some solution can be arrived at regarding this important issue.

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